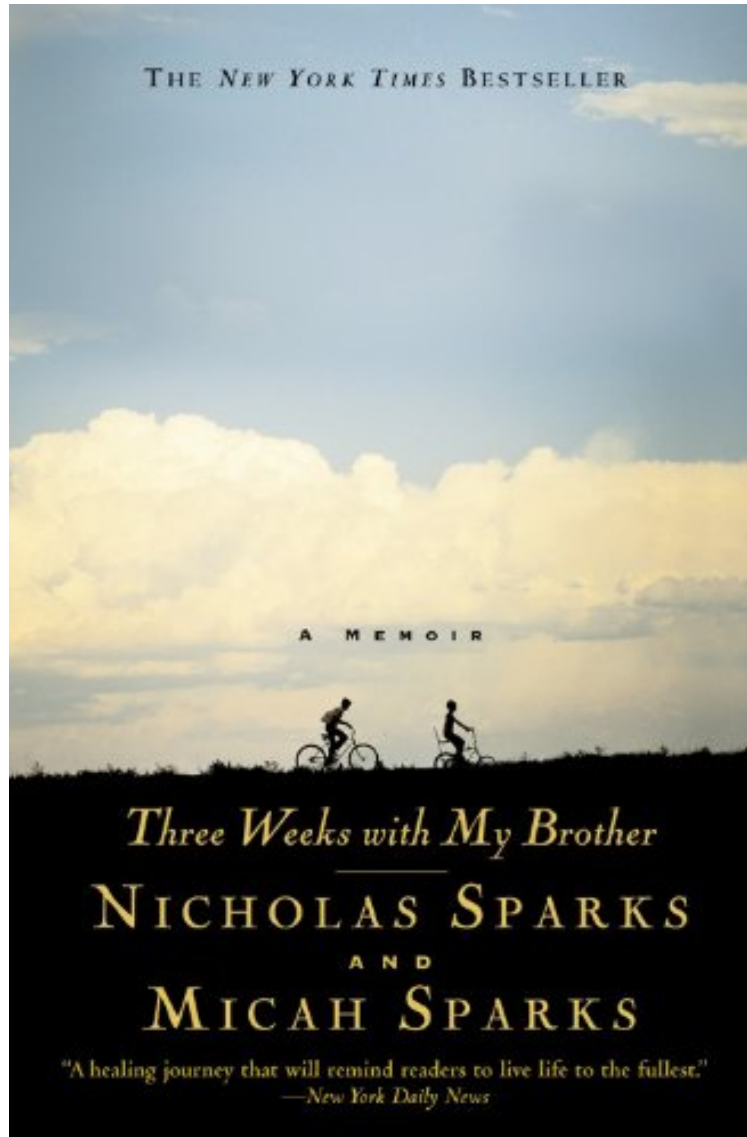


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**Nicholas Sparks, Micah Sparks : Three Weeks with My Brother** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Three Weeks with My Brother:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No expectations, so no disappointmentBy UrBiggestFanI had no expectations when I started this book, so I cannot say I had any disappointments. I owned a used book store for several

years, and Sparks books perennially sold very well, and several customers told me they thought this was better than his fiction. No one ever told me anything about what sort of book it was or what it dealt with, so the only thing I had to go on was the cover blurbs. I had the opportunity, so I gave it a try. The writing is very good (not having read any of Nicholas Sparks' fiction, I cannot compare it to those). The title and the blurbs led me to think I was going to read about Nicholas and Michael Sparks' time spent together. What it turned out to be was an extremely light reporting of their 3 week 'round the world tour (not a lot of information and very little impressions) serving as a platform for extensive autobiographical flashbacks. As such it was an interesting vehicle to construct an autobiography around, and the autobiography itself was interesting and engaging - much better than most I've read. Like good fiction, I was anxious to read on and find out how things turn out (I won't give any spoilers). It claims to have been jointly written, and if that's true I absolutely could not see two different people in the writing. It definitely was good enough to lure me into reading some other Nicholas Sparks books.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely one of his best writings. You become a part of his family.

By Raeann Henderson This was a great book! Somewhat different than the "Normal" Nicholas Sparks books. However a wonderful insight to his growing up years and the trip of a lifetime with his brother. The way it's written is like your walking thru time with them. There trials and tribulations of dealing with a mentally ill father and an over achiever mother who always wants there life to seem as though it's perfect. I felt a part of his family as I read certain parts of this heartfelt message and the memories they have shared throughout there life's.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected it was much more!

By Toni At first I didn't think I would enjoy this book like I enjoyed all of Nick's other novels . I am so glad I read this book. I wish I was able to tell Nick himself, that I appreciated this book so very much so, as I am sure any other Nicholas Spark fan will enjoy it also. Not everyone's life is what we expected to be!

As moving as his bestselling works of fiction, Nicholas Sparks's unique memoir, written with his brother, chronicles the life-affirming journey of two brothers bound by memories, both humorous and tragic. In January 2003, Nicholas Sparks and his brother, Micah, set off on a three-week trip around the globe. It was to mark a milestone in their lives, for at thirty-seven and thirty-eight respectively, they were now the only surviving members of their family. Against the backdrop of the wonders of the world and often overtaken by their feelings, daredevil Micah and the more serious, introspective Nicholas recalled their rambunctious childhood adventures and the tragedies that tested their faith. And in the process, they discovered startling truths about loss, love, and hope. Narrated with irrepressible humor and rare candor, and including personal photos, **THREE WEEKS WITH MY BROTHER** reminds us to embrace life with all its uncertainties...and most of all, to cherish the joyful times, both small and momentous, and the wonderful people who make them possible.

From Publishers Weekly When bestselling author Sparks (*The Notebook*; *Message in a Bottle*; etc.) receives a brochure offering a three-week trip around the world, it's not hard for him to persuade Micah, his older brother, to join him in touring Guatemala's Mayan ruins, Peru's Incan temples, Easter Island, the killing fields in Cambodia, the Taj Mahal and Ethiopian rock cathedrals. His account of the trip is refreshingly honest and perceptive. At each stop, the brothers, both deeply committed to their families, cover the crucial moments in a life full of familial love and tragedy: Nick's role as the middle child always feeling left out; his marriage in 1989; the loss of Nick and Micah's mother two months later after a horseback riding accident; the death of Nick's first baby and the physical problems of his second son; the death of their father in a car accident; and the passing of their younger sister from a brain tumor. As the brothers travel together through these mythical sites and share candid thoughts, they find themselves stunned by fate's turns, realizing that a peaceful moment may be shattered at any time. Weaving in vignettes of tenderness and loss with travelogue-like observations, Sparks's account shows how he and his brother both evolved on this voyage. "Somehow there was a chance we could help each other, and in that way, I began to think of the trip less as a journey around the world than a journey to rediscover who I was and how I developed the way I did." Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist Who wouldn't want to go on a trip around the world? When best-selling novelist Sparks receives a travel brochure from his alma mater, Notre Dame, he thinks, "If not now, then when?" and asks his brother to join him. They both have family obligations, but this sounds like the trip of a lifetime, and as the reader soon finds out, they both need to relax. As they journey to faraway places, the brothers reminisce about their unusual childhood. Instead of the idealistic life readers may imagine, their early years were marked by poverty, although redeemed by their mother's great love. Their father was a graduate student working several jobs to support the family, and the boys, best friends as well as brothers, led an independent life filled with adventure, derring-do, and responsibilities beyond their years. This is a rare opportunity for readers to get to know a favorite author as Nicholas reveals the inspirations for his fiction. A must-read for Sparks fans as well as a treat for those who want to find out what makes a family strong. Patty Engelmann Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved ' Weaving in vignettes of tenderness and loss with travelogue-like observations, Sparks's account shows how he and his brother both evolved on this voyage' - PUBLISHERS WEEKLY